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**SEALED**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Francisco Villena Abellan,  
a/k/a "Frank Abellan," "Frank Abel,"  
"Oracle," "Mark," and "Frank Villena"

James B. Panther, Jr.,  
a/k/a "James Suqui" and "James  
Suquilanda,"

and Faiyaz Dean,

Defendants.

No. CR-19-00448-PHX-DLR (MHB)

**INDICTMENT**

VIO: 18 U.S.C. § 1349  
(Conspiracy to Commit Securities  
Fraud and Wire Fraud)  
Count 1

18 U.S.C. § 1348  
18 U.S.C. § 2  
(Securities Fraud)  
Count 2

18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)  
(Conspiracy to Commit Money  
Laundering)  
Count 3

18 U.S.C. § 1957  
18 U.S.C. § 2  
(Money Laundering)  
Counts 4-8

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) & 982  
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)  
(Forfeiture Allegation)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

At all times material to this Indictment, within the District of Arizona and elsewhere:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

**The Defendants, Relevant Individuals, & Entities**

**Defendants**

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2 1. Defendant **FRANCISCO ABELLAN**, also known as, “**Frank Abellan**,” “**Frank**  
3 **Abel**,” “**Oracle**,” “**Mark**,” and “**Frank Villena**” (“**ABELLAN**”), was a citizen and resident of  
4 Spain and a self-described venture capitalist. **ABELLAN** operated a fraudulent pump and dump  
5 scheme involving the company Biozoom, Inc. (“**Biozoom**”), a Nevada corporation with its  
6 principal place of business in Kassel, Germany.  
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8 2. Defendant **JAMES B. PANTHER, JR.**, also known as, “**James Suqui**” and  
9 “**James Suquilanda**” (“**PANTHER**”), was a dual citizen of the United States and Ecuador and a  
10 resident of California. **PANTHER** exercised influence and/or control over corporate entities used  
11 in furtherance of the scheme described herein, to include Biozoom.  
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13 3. Defendant **FAIYAZ DEAN** (“**DEAN**”) was a citizen and resident of Canada.  
14 **DEAN** was a licensed attorney in the United States who operated a law practice in Washington  
15 State.  
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**Other Relevant Individuals and Entities**

17 4. Biozoom purported to be in the business of researching, developing, and licensing  
18 technologies related to the mobile remote collection of biomedical data as well as bilateral  
19 diagnostic communication. In or around April 2013, Biozoom was formed as a result of a reverse  
20 merger of a publiclytraded company, Entertainment Art, Inc. (“**Entertainment Art**”), a New York-  
21 based handbag company that used the trading symbol “**EERT**,” and Opsolution Spectroscopic  
22 Systems, Opsolution NanoPhotonics, and Opsolution GmbH (collectively, “**Opsolution**”),  
23 German-based entities specializing in medical technologies. Following the merger, Biozoom’s  
24 common stock was publicly traded.  
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1           5.       Coconspirator 1 (“CC1”) was a dual citizen of Argentina and Italy and a resident  
2 of Argentina. **ABELLAN** and CC1 jointly exercised influence and control over Royal Capital  
3 Ventures (“Royal”), a Seychelles-based shell corporation used in furtherance of the scheme. Funds  
4 for trading in Biozoom and to establish other corporate entities and bank accounts used in  
5 furtherance of the scheme were transferred to and from Royal. CC1 was a former beneficial owner  
6 of Royal.  
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8           6.       Coconspirator 2 (“CC2”) was a citizen and resident of Switzerland. CC2 operated  
9 or otherwise controlled multiple Swiss entities, to include Orbita GmbH (“Orbita”), and was the  
10 beneficial owner of Allegemeine Finanz & Investment (“AFI”), a Swiss-based company  
11 established and funded by **ABELLAN** and CC1. **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 set up bank accounts  
12 in Switzerland for AFI and brokerage accounts in the United States for the sale and purchase of  
13 Biozoom shares. In addition, Orbita served as a financial intermediary to transfer funds between  
14 corporate entities used in furtherance of the scheme.  
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16           7.       Coconspirator 3 (“CC3”) was a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
17 State of Washington. CC3 worked as a day trader of stocks. At **ABELLAN**’s direction, CC3  
18 engaged in manipulative trading of Biozoom stock.  
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20           8.       Nominee Director 1 was a citizen and resident of Switzerland. **ABELLAN** and  
21 CC2 installed Nominee Director 1 at AFI and executed correspondence in the name of Nominee  
22 Director 1 in furtherance of the scheme.  
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24           9.       Foresight Media (“Foresight”) was a UK-based company where **ABELLAN**  
25 exercised influence and control and provided funding. Global Investors Research was also a UK-  
26 based company where **ABELLAN** and **PANTHER** exercised influence and control and which  
27 operated Global Financial Insight. As described herein, Foresight, Global Investors Research, and  
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1 Global Financial Insight were promotional companies that promoted Biozoom stock in major  
2 national and international media outlets to inflate the price of Biozoom stock as part of the pump  
3 and dump scheme.

4 10. David Lubin, a conspirator not named as a defendant herein, was a citizen of the  
5 United States and a resident of New York. Lubin was an attorney, was licensed to practice law in  
6 the State of New York, and acted as a promoter and attorney for public companies.

7 11. Steven Sanders, a conspirator not named as a defendant herein, was a citizen of the  
8 United States and resident of Florida, and acted as a promoter for public companies.

9 12. Daniel McKelvey, a conspirator not named as a defendant herein, was a citizen of  
10 the United States and a resident of California, and acted as a promoter for public companies.

11 13. LeMond Capital ("LeMond") was a British Virgin Islands shell corporation that  
12 purchased Entertainment Art. **ABELLAN**, **PANTHER**, **DEAN**, and CC1 exercised influence and  
13 control over LeMond. **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 used LeMond to establish brokerage accounts.  
14 LeMond was represented by **DEAN** in the purchase of Entertainment Art.

15 14. Entity A was a retail and institutional broker-dealer principally engaged in the  
16 deposit and liquidation of microcap stocks. Entity A had its principal office in Scottsdale, Arizona  
17 and a secondary office in Carlsbad, California. Shares of Biozoom were traded at Entity A.

18 15. Shares of Biozoom were traded through BS, a market-making firm based in El  
19 Segundo, California; LS, a securities brokerage and market making firm based in New York, New  
20 York; SS, a full-service securities brokerage and market making firm based in Clearwater, Florida;  
21 and ST/SU, an online stock broker specializing in online trading services based in Carmel, New  
22 York.

23 16. Victim A, an investor in Biozoom, was a resident of Surprise, Arizona.  
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1           17.     Victim B, an investor in Biozoom, was a resident of Phoenix, Arizona.

2           18.     Victim C, an investor in Biozoom, was a resident of Sahuarita, Arizona.

3           19.     Victim D, an investor in Biozoom, was a resident of Nogales, Arizona.

4                               **Definitions and Regulations**

5           20.     The Over-the-Counter (“OTC”) securities market was the equity market for  
6 securities not listed on a U.S. stock exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange or the  
7 NASDAQ Stock Market. In general, securities were traded in the OTC market because the  
8 company was unable to meet the requirements to be listed on one of the U.S. stock exchanges.  
9 OTC securities were traded by broker-dealers who negotiated directly with one another over  
10 computer networks and by phone. Biozoom was traded on the OTC market.

11           21.     “Microcap” or “penny” stocks referred to stocks of publicly traded U.S. companies  
12 which have a low market capitalization. Biozoom was a microcap stock. Microcap stocks could  
13 be subject to price manipulation because they were thinly traded and subject to less regulatory  
14 scrutiny than stocks traded on exchanges like the New York Stock Exchange. Additionally, large  
15 blocks of microcap stock were often controlled by a small group of individuals, which enabled  
16 those in the group to control or orchestrate manipulative trading in those stocks.

17           22.     Generally, a “pump and dump” scheme involved the artificial manipulation of the  
18 price and/or trading volume of a particular stock in order to sell that stock at an artificially inflated  
19 price. As part of a pump and dump scheme, an individual or group of individuals obtained control  
20 over a substantial portion of the free trading shares of a company. Free trading shares were shares  
21 of stock that could be traded without restriction. One of the first steps in executing a pump and  
22 dump scheme involved the coconspirators gaining control over all or the vast majority of the free  
23 trading shares in a company to control the market for the stock free from outside market influences.

1           23. A “nominee” was someone who owned an asset merely on paper, in order to  
2       disguise the true owner of the property. Nominees were used in connection with the formation of  
3       shell companies. Bank and brokerage accounts opened in the name of a shell company with a  
4       nominee were often referred to as “nominee accounts.” Such accounts were then used in a pump  
5       and dump scheme by allowing the coconspirators to give the appearance of an active market for a  
6       stock, when in fact the trades were being conducted among nominees controlled by co-  
7       conspirators. Nominee bank accounts were also often used to conceal the dissipation of the  
8       proceeds of the fraud.  
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10           24. A pump and dump scheme also involved parking shares by depositing or  
11       transferring them into different accounts, including accounts in the names of nominees, to conceal  
12       the ownership, control, and/or manipulative trading of the stock.  
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14           25. A “shell company” was a company which served as a vehicle for business  
15       transactions, such as opening bank and brokerage accounts, without itself having any significant  
16       assets or operations.  
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18           26. The “pump” involved artificially inflating a company’s stock price and/or volume  
19       through various means that might include engaging in coordinated trading of the stock—usually  
20       by co-conspirators controlling both the buying and selling activity of the stock—to create the  
21       appearance of a more active market for that stock. The pump also involved disseminating false  
22       and misleading promotional materials—press releases purportedly from the company or  
23       advertisements touting the prospects of a company’s stock—to encourage innocent investors to  
24       purchase the stock, and therefore increasing sales volume.  
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1           30. In a “reverse merger,” a private company acquired a majority of the shares of a  
2 public company, which was then merged with the purchasing entity. The public company was  
3 required to report the terms of a reverse merger in a filing with the SEC.

4           31. Entertainment Art and Biozoom were issuers that were required to file Form S-1s  
5 and periodic reports with the SEC. These issuers were sometimes referred to as “pubcos,” “public  
6 vehicles” or “shells.”  
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8                           **Overview of the Fraudulent Scheme**

9           32. Lubin, Sanders, McKelvey, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,  
10 established shell companies, or issuers, and recruited individuals to serve as straw CEOs for these  
11 issuers. The conspirators caused shares to be issued in the names of the straw CEOs which would  
12 be labeled as control or restricted securities. Sanders, McKelvey, Lubin, and others known and  
13 unknown to the Grand Jury, also recruited persons to serve as straw shareholders of these issuers  
14 and caused shares to be listed in the names of the straw shareholders or separate shell companies  
15 they controlled.  
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17           33. Sanders, McKelvey, Lubin, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, filed  
18 and caused to be filed periodic and annual reports with the SEC that falsely and fraudulently  
19 described the business purpose and share structure of the issuers and gave the false appearance  
20 that the straw CEO owned and controlled the restricted shares of the company; had reviewed and  
21 agreed with the contents of the reports; and had signed and authorized the filings. In reality,  
22 Sanders, McKelvey, Lubin, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, controlled the  
23 companies and the shares listed in the names of the straw CEOs and straw shareholders.  
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25           34. Sanders, McKelvey, Lubin, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,  
26 sought to locate buyers for the issuers, specifically for the purchase and sale of all of the restricted  
27 and purportedly unrestricted shares. Sanders, McKelvey, Lubin and others known and unknown  
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1 to the Grand Jury, knew that the buyers would seek to use the shares of the issuers for pump and  
2 dump stock swindles or other manipulation schemes and, with the knowledge and consent of the  
3 buyer, structured the resale of the restricted shares to make it appear that the shares were free  
4 trading. One such issuer was Entertainment Art.

5 35. **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the  
6 Grand Jury, operated a pump and dump scheme whereby they arranged to take control of  
7 Entertainment Art, a publicly traded company, by structuring the purchase of the unregistered,  
8 restricted, and purportedly unrestricted shares to make it appear that the shares were all  
9 unrestricted, registered, and thus, free to trade in the market. **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**,  
10 and CC1 orchestrated a reverse merger with Entertainment Art to create Biozoom. In this way,  
11 **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,  
12 obtained control over a substantial portion of the purportedly free trading shares of Biozoom and  
13 could manipulate the market for the stock.

14 36. To retain full control over all available Biozoom shares and conceal their  
15 involvement, **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the  
16 Grand Jury, established various nominee companies and entities and caused the creation of  
17 fraudulent trust agreements and loans documents to make it appear that the entities and companies  
18 controlled Biozoom. They then caused ten Argentine nationals to serve as nominee shareholders  
19 of Biozoom stock (hereinafter, the "nominee shareholders").

20 37. **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the  
21 Grand Jury funded foreign bank accounts and established trading accounts in the name of the  
22 nominee shareholders at United States brokerage houses to trade Biozoom shares. The brokerage  
23 accounts allowed **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the  
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1 Grand Jury to control the nominee shareholders' accounts and, when trading commenced, create  
2 the appearance of an active market for the stock, when in fact the trades were being conducted by  
3 **ABELLAN, PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, in the  
4 name of the nominee shareholders.

5 38. To cause the "pump" of shares of Biozoom stock—that is, to artificially inflate  
6 Biozoom's stock price and trading volume—in or around May 2013, **ABELLAN, PANTHER,**  
7 **DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, i) engaged in manipulative trading  
8 of the shares, and ii) conducted a promotional campaign, coordinated with the manipulative  
9 trading, touting Biozoom as offering a market-ready device, in order to increase demand and inflate  
10 the price of Biozoom stock. The manipulative trading, conducted in tandem with the aggressive  
11 marketing campaign, caused Biozoom's stock price to increase from \$1.10 to \$4 per share.  
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13 39. After pumping up the stock in the manner described above, the stock was  
14 "dumped," meaning large quantities of the shares owned and controlled by **ABELLAN,**  
15 **PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, were liquidated  
16 through sales to unsuspecting investors. Once Biozoom's stock price jumped to \$4 per share, the  
17 nominee shareholders sold their shares at a profit of approximately \$34 million. **ABELLAN,**  
18 **PANTHER, DEAN**, CC1, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury then caused the  
19 proceeds of the sale to be transferred to various foreign offshore bank accounts to their benefit.  
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22 **Identifying and Creating Entities to Execute the Pump and Dump Scheme**

23 40. In mid-2012, **ABELLAN** directed CC1, **PANTHER**, and **DEAN** to acquire a  
24 public shell with a large number of free trading shares to use in a reverse merger. Accordingly,  
25 **DEAN** identified Entertainment Art and arranged for the purchase of Entertainment Art at the  
26 direction of **ABELLAN** and CC1.  
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1           41. Sanders and McKelvey brokered a sale of the restricted and free trading shares of  
2 Entertainment Art with **DEAN**, who agreed to purchase Entertainment Art on behalf of LeMond.  
3 **DEAN** enlisted attorneys to act as escrow agents for the sale of Entertainment Art to LeMond and  
4 caused the transfers of funds for purchase.

5           42. **DEAN**, along with McKelvey and Sanders, created separate agreements to make it  
6 appear that the shares were to be sold as part of separate transactions, when in fact the shares were  
7 sold as one transaction and therefore deemed restricted. Such agreements fraudulently conveyed  
8 that the shares were not restricted and could be immediately sold thereafter to the investing public.

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10           43. On or about July 23, 2012, **DEAN** sent an email to McKelvey and Sanders  
11 submitting a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to purchase Entertainment Art and stating, "[p]lease review  
12 the attached draft LOI. I am still waiting to get the information about the purchasing company.  
13 Please review and provide comments and I'll make the revisions. Thanks." **DEAN**'s draft LOI  
14 related to both the free trading and restricted shares. McKelvey replied on the same date, copying  
15 Sanders and informing **DEAN** that the LOI, as drafted, would cause the free trading shares to  
16 become restricted: "Faiyez: We can't have both free and restricted in 1 agreement, this will be  
17 viewed as a combined purchase and the free will become restricted. We will assemble two separate  
18 agreements and send back. This is the best way to consummate the deal. Daniel."

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21           44. From on or about July 31, 2012 through August 23, 2012, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and  
22 CC2 created and executed a secure loan agreement for the amount of \$437,000 between Royal and  
23 LeMond for the purpose of funding LeMond's purchase of Entertainment Art. On or about  
24 September 6, 2012, **ABELLAN**, CC1, **PANTHER** and **DEAN** caused the transfer of  
25 approximately \$437,000 from a bank account held by Royal at Hellenic Bank in Cyprus to the  
26 attorney trust account of a Seattle, Washington-area attorney. Of this \$437,000, **DEAN** caused  
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1 the wire transfer of \$324,060 to the escrow account of a Florida-based attorney for the purchase  
2 of Entertainment Art, keeping the remaining funds for himself.

3 45. In or around 2011 and 2012, in connection with the sale of Entertainment Art to  
4 LeMond, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 established and funded nominee companies, to include  
5 Royal, LeMond, and AFI, as vehicles for the purchase and subsequent sale of corporate entities  
6 and shares to facilitate the pump and dump scheme.

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8 46. In establishing AFI, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 took steps to make AFI appear as  
9 though it had legitimate operations unrelated to the scheme described herein. For example, from  
10 on or about October 3, 2012 through on or about October 4, 2012, **ABELLAN** and CC2 discussed  
11 via email the need to install a nominee director for the "Biozoom job." In or around November  
12 12, 2012, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 installed Nominee Director 1 to serve as nominee director  
13 of AFI. Later, on or about February 15, 2013, **ABELLAN** and CC2 caused the creation of a  
14 website for AFI.  
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16 47. On or about February 28, 2013, **PANTHER** caused the execution of Asset  
17 Purchase Agreements for the sale of assets of Opsolution to LeMond and the filing of SEC  
18 documents confirming the sale. On or about March 20, 2013, **PANTHER** caused the cancellation  
19 of the LeMond shares in Entertainment Art and the new issuance of preferred shares in Biozoom,  
20 as well as the filing of SEC documents confirming the Entertainment Art transaction.  
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22 48. On or about March 12, 2013, Entertainment Art made a public filing with the SEC  
23 announcing a change in business operations from a handbag company to a company involved in  
24 the biomedical industry and formed a subsidiary, Biozoom. On or about April 1, 2013,  
25 Entertainment Art officially changed its stock trading symbol to Biozoom, or "BIZM."  
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27 **Establishing the Nominee Shareholders to Facilitate the Pump and Dump Scheme**  
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49. **ABELLAN**, CC1, **PANTHER**, and **DEAN** facilitated the reverse merger of Entertainment Art with Opsolution, a privately held company, for the purpose of obtaining control of the shares in the newly created entity, Biozoom. The shares were then distributed to nominees and sold as part of the pump and dump scheme.

50. **ABELLAN**, CC1, and **PANTHER** caused the ten Argentine nationals to serve as the nominee shareholders of Biozoom shares. From on or about September 27, 2012 through on or about January 29, 2013, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 created loan agreements between Royal and the nominee shareholders and trust agreements between Royal, Orbita, and the nominee shareholders. On or about February 25, 2013, CC1 sent nine executed loan agreements between the nominee shareholders and AFI to CC2 via email. These loan and trust agreements and resulting wire transfers served to provide funds to the nominee shareholders for the purchase of Biozoom shares and concealed the true source of the funds used by the nominee shareholders to purchase these shares.

51. As a result, beginning in or around October 2012, bank accounts were established and funded for the nominee shareholders as follows:

Nominee Shareholders	Bank	Location
CDL	FMBE Bank	Belize
DPG	BC Bank	Belize
FL	Hellenic Bank Public Company	Cyprus
LMH	Hellenic Bank Public Company	Cyprus
MPF	Choice Bank	Belize
AHF	Alpha Bank	Cyprus
MT	Loyal Bank	St. Vincent/Grenadines
MAG	Loyal Bank	St. Vincent/Grenadines
ARB	FMBE Bank	Cyprus
GGB	First Caribbean Bank	British Virgin Islands

1           52. In addition to structuring the Entertainment Art transaction to conceal that the  
2 Entertainment Art shares were restricted and therefore could not be immediately sold to the  
3 investing public, **DEAN** took steps to structure the nominee shareholders' acquisition of Biozoom  
4 shares such that they fraudulently appeared to have purchased their shares from the original  
5 shareholders of Entertainment Art. This information was false, as the original shareholders sold  
6 their shares back to Entertainment Art in 2009.

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8           53. **PANTHER** and **DEAN** established different escrow agents for the nominee  
9 shareholders' Entertainment Art share purchases to facilitate the transfer of money from the  
10 nominee shareholders to the original shareholders of Entertainment Art, and established an escrow  
11 agent for the control block of shares. For example,

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13           a. from on or about March 5, 2013 through on or about March 19, 2013, **DEAN**  
14           caused a Hawaii-based attorney to act as an escrow agent for the funds used for the  
15           purchase of Biozoom shares purportedly from original shareholders by LMH, MPF,  
16           MT and MAG, four of the nominee shareholders;  
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18           b. from on or about February 18, 2013 through on or about March 12, 2013, **DEAN**  
19           caused a second Seattle, Washington-based attorney ("Seattle Attorney") to act as  
20           an escrow agent for funds used for the purchase of Biozoom shares purportedly  
21           from original shareholders by DPG and FL, two of the nominee shareholders;  
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23           c. from on or about March 24, 2013 through on or about April 13, 2013, **DEAN**  
24           caused Seattle Attorney to act as an escrow agent for funds used for the purchase  
25           of Biozoom shares purportedly from original shareholders by GGB, one of the  
26           nominee shareholders; and  
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1 d. on or about May 16, 2013, **DEAN** caused Seattle Attorney to act as an escrow agent  
2 for funds used for the purchase of Biozoom shares purportedly from original S-1  
3 shareholders by FL, one of the nominee shareholders.

4 **Opening Accounts for the Argentine Nominees and AFI at Trading and Brokerage Firms**

5 54. On or about May 2, 2013, **PANTHER** caused two nominee shareholders to open  
6 individual foreign brokerage accounts for Biozoom trading at Entity A.

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8 55. In early May 2013, **PANTHER** met with the owner of a California-based market  
9 maker BS to discuss Biozoom and presented Biozoom executives to demonstrate the Biozoom  
10 device. That same month, **PANTHER** caused six nominee shareholders to open accounts and  
11 deposit Biozoom share certificates at BS. Thereafter, between on or about May 3, 2013 through  
12 on or about May 8, 2013, BS requested a number of documents from the nominee shareholders to  
13 open the accounts and clear the Biozoom shares through BS's clearing firm.

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15 56. On or about May 14, 2013, BS notified corporate counsel for Biozoom and  
16 requested production of the stock subscription documents for four of the nominee shareholders.  
17 Biozoom's counsel informed BS that he did not have the original subscriptions and learned that  
18 the stock could not be cleared. Biozoom's counsel informed **PANTHER**, who told him, in  
19 substance, not to worry, because he had ties to the principal at Entity A.  
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21 57. On or about May 15, 2013, **PANTHER** met with an owner and an employee of  
22 Entity A to discuss Biozoom and other matters. **PANTHER** informed the Entity A representatives  
23 that he would refer the "foreign clients" to Entity A and discussed discounted commission rates,  
24 the use of certain market makers, trade routes, specific deposit requirements, and the use of instant  
25 messaging for trading. Thereafter, on or about May 16, 2013, the four nominee shareholders  
26 transferred their accounts from BS to Entity A. In exchange for referring the clients to Entity A,  
27 **PANTHER** requested and received certain policy exceptions, to include allowing the clients to be  
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1 permitted to conduct trades via instant messaging. At that time, Entity A did not permit instant  
 2 messaging trades but made an exception to permit the clients referred by **PANTHER** to do so, and  
 3 had a platform set up to facilitate the instant messaging trades.

4 58. In total, **PANTHER** caused brokerage accounts for a total of six of the nominee  
 5 shareholders to be opened at Entity A.

6 59. Once the nominee shareholders transferred their accounts from BS to Entity A, the  
 7 Biozoom shares had to be cleared before they could be traded. To clear the stocks through Entity  
 8 A, an opinion letter containing false information was obtained. The letter indicated that the shares  
 9 were purchased directly from the original shareholders of Entertainment Art in 2013, when in fact  
 10 the original shareholders sold their stock in 2009. Nonetheless, Entity A's clearing firm accepted  
 11 the opinion letters and cleared the shares. As a result, the four nominee shareholders were clear to  
 12 commence trading Biozoom shares beginning on or about May 23, 2013.

13 60. **PANTHER**, CC1, and CC2 also established brokerage accounts for the nominee  
 14 shareholders at LS.

15 61. In or around May 2013, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 also established brokerage  
 16 accounts for AFI at BS, Entity A, and ST/SU. In addition, CC1 submitted a signed application to  
 17 CC2 for an AFI brokerage account at ST/SU in the name of Nominee Director 1.

18 62. From in or around November 2012 through in or around March 2013, the ten  
 19 nominee shareholders received shares of Entertainment Art (later shares of Biozoom) as follows:

Shareholder	Number of Shares
AHF	1,402,500
GGB	1,485,000
LMH	1,815,000
CDL	2,062,500
MT	1,815,000
ARB	2,310,000

MPF	2,310,000
DPG	2,485,000
MG	2,145,000
FL	2,300,000

**The Pump of Biozoom Stock**

63. On or about April 11, 2013, **PANTHER** directed executives at Biozoom to set up a news service to send out press releases on a specific schedule.

64. From in or around May 2013 through June 2013, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and **PANTHER** caused the issuance and dissemination of articles and stock reports on Biozoom that promoted the stock through means of interstate commerce and otherwise. These articles and reports, however, falsely presented as independent stock analysis.

65. These articles and stock reports were paid for using entities controlled and funded by **ABELLAN** and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, through Foresight, Global Financial Insight, and Global Investors Research, yet failed to disclose that Biozoom was being promoted by persons with a controlling interest in the company. The articles and subsequent press releases and stock reports also contained misleading information about Biozoom.

66. On or about May 9, 2013, **ABELLAN** sent an invoice via email to CC2 in the amount of approximately \$374,748 for services provided by International Law Group, a law firm owned by **PANTHER's** father, to Royal. However, International Law Group had not performed any work for Biozoom or any related entities.

67. In or around late January through February 2013, **ABELLAN** engaged a printer broker located in Scottsdale, Arizona ("Scottsdale Printer") for direct mail and marketing services for Biozoom. **ABELLAN** caused the Scottsdale Printer to issue Biozoom mailers under the guise of Global Financial Insight and Global Investors Research. **ABELLAN** directed the Scottsdale Printer to submit the invoices for the mailers to Foresight.

1           68. In or around June 2013, Global Investors Research purchased radio advertising  
2 spots on Biozoom for *The Stock Report* to be aired on various IHeartMedia radio programs, to  
3 include the *Rush Limbaugh Show* and the Rush Network from on or about June 10, 2013 through  
4 on or about June 14, 2013.

5           69. In or around June 2013, **ABELLAN**, **PANTHER**, and CC1 caused Global  
6 Financial Insight to purchase space in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times* for a Biozoom  
7 advertisement. The *Chicago Tribune* advertisement was published on or about June 13, 2013, and  
8 the *Los Angeles Times* advertisement was published on or about June 23, 2013.

9           70. In or around May 2013, **ABELLAN**, **PANTHER**, and CC1 caused Foresight to  
10 purchase editorial space in *Forbes* and *Business Week* magazine for Biozoom. The *Business Week*  
11 advertisement was scheduled for publishing in the June 17th-23rd edition, and the *Forbes* article  
12 was scheduled for the July 2013 edition.

13           71. In or around June 2013, **ABELLAN**, **PANTHER**, and CC1 caused Global  
14 Financial Insight to purchase space in the *New York Times* for an article advertising Biozoom's  
15 "real Star Trek" medical scanner. The full-page advertisement was published on the back cover  
16 of the Sunday *New York Times* business section on or about June 23, 2013.

17           72. As part of the pump of the stock, and coordinated with the issuance of press releases  
18 and other promotional material, **ABELLAN**, CC3, and a person known to the Grand Jury,  
19 manipulated the trading volume and share price of Biozoom shares.

20           73. **ABELLAN** directed CC3 to trade early in Biozoom to ensure that the value of  
21 Biozoom shares did not fall below a particular value. Prior to the commencement of any Biozoom  
22 trading, on or before May 15, 2013, CC3 entered a purchase order for more than 2,000 shares of  
23 Biozoom. This order was never executed. Thereafter, prior to the release of any promotional  
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1 materials about Biozoom, CC3 began trading shares of Biozoom. CC3 conducted these early  
2 trades in order to create a floor price for Biozoom, as requested by ABELLAN.

3 74. CC3 placed sell orders for hundreds of shares of Biozoom stock which CC3  
4 arranged to be matched with buy orders placed by a person known to the Grand Jury, in order to  
5 create the appearance of legitimate buying interest by legitimate investors, when in fact these were  
6 coordinated sales made at the request of Biozoom affiliates to generate interest in the shares.  
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8 75. Soon after the initiation of the trading of Biozoom stock, in or around May and June  
9 of 2013, CC3 created trading volume of Biozoom shares by directing others known and unknown  
10 to the Grand Jury, to trade Biozoom shares, and trading shares of Biozoom using his own brokerage  
11 account and the accounts of others.  
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13 **The "Dump" of Biozoom Stock for Millions of Dollars in Proceeds**

14 76. ABELLAN traded Biozoom shares in accounts in the names of the nominee  
15 shareholders and AFI at Entity A, BS, ST/SU, LS, and other entities, using an instant messaging  
16 platform and an IP proxy server to make it appear that the nominees were trading from Argentina,  
17 when in fact, ABELLAN was conducting the trades in the names of the nominees from a residence  
18 in Spain.  
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20 77. From on or about June 14, 2013 through on or about June 21, 2013, ABELLAN,  
21 CC1, and CC2 caused the AFI account at ST/SU to trade Biozoom shares, making more than 800  
22 transactions per day and increasing the demand for the shares in order to make the investing public  
23 believe that general market forces were at work.  
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25 78. The distribution of print and media advertisements regarding Biozoom, together  
26 with the coordinated manipulative trading by ABELLAN, CC3, and a person known to the Grand  
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Jury, caused the price of Biozoom shares to increase artificially. In addition, the manipulative trading created the appearance of legitimate buying interest by legitimate investors.

79. From on or about the dates set forth in the chart below, **ABELLAN, PANTHER**, and CC1 caused the trading of Biozoom shares in accounts held in the names of the nominee shareholders via email and instant message at LS or Entity A and caused the sale of Biozoom shares as follows:

Nominee Shareholder	Brokerage	Approximate Shares Sold	On or About Dates Sold	Approximate Proceeds
GGB	LS	1,312,053	5/16/2013-6/13/2013	\$3,070,251
CDL	LS	1,328,000	6/17/2013-6/18/2013	\$5,020,550
LMH	LS	1,815,000	6/6/2013-6/17/2013	\$5,269,030
AHF	LS/Entity A	1,402,500	5/20/2013-6/5/2013	\$2,068,666
MT	Entity A	1,592,444	6/7/2013-6/11/2013	\$3,116,894
ARB	Entity A	2,176,726	6/10/2013-6/18/2013	\$6,223,310
MPF	LS	1,994,038	6/7/2013-6/19/2013	\$5,456,590
DPG	Entity A	2,457,645	5/28/2013-6/6/2013	\$3,771,761

80. In or around June 2013, **ABELLAN, PANTHER**, and CC1 caused the wire transfers of millions of dollars, proceeds from the sale of Biozoom shares, from United States brokerage accounts in the name of the nominee shareholders to accounts held at foreign bank accounts in the names of the nominee shareholders. Specifically, on or about June 24, 2013, **ABELLAN, PANTHER**, and CC1 caused wire transfers of more than \$6 million from an account at Entity A, in the District of Arizona, in the name of nominee shareholder ARB to an account in

1 the name of nominee ARB at FBME Bank in Cyprus, and a wire transfer of approximately  
2 \$4,900,000 from an account in the name of nominee shareholder MPF at Entity A, in the District  
3 of Arizona, to an account in the name of nominee shareholder MPF at Choice Bank in Belize.

4 81. In or around June 2013, **ABELLAN**, CC1, and CC2 caused wire transfers of more  
5 than \$6,500,000 in proceeds from the sale and trading of Biozoom shares from accounts in the  
6 name of AFI and the nominee shareholders at ST/SU, BS, and FBME Bank in Cyprus, to foreign  
7 offshore bank accounts in the names of the nominee shareholders in Cyprus and Switzerland.  
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9 82. From on or about May 16, 2013 through on or about June 25, 2013, a total of  
10 approximately 87,936,300 shares of Biozoom traded and its stock price increased from  
11 approximately \$1.10 per share to more than \$4 per share.  
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13 83. In or around June 2013, after reading information about Biozoom on the internet,  
14 Victim A traded shares of Biozoom through a brokerage account at TD Ameritrade and invested  
15 approximately \$19,000.

16 84. In or around June 2013, after hearing a radio advertisement about Biozoom on *The*  
17 *Rush Limbaugh Show*, Victim B purchased shares of Biozoom at a branch of investment firm  
18 Charles Schwab in Scottsdale, Arizona. Victim B was unable to sell his shares in late June 2013  
19 due to the SEC halting trading of the shares. Victim B lost approximately \$13,000.  
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21 85. In or around June 2013, after receiving a Biozoom flyer in the mail at his residence  
22 in Arizona, Victim C traded shares of Biozoom through a brokerage account at Charles Schwab  
23 and invested approximately \$3,639.  
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25 86. In or around June 2013, after seeing the Biozoom ticker on CNBC during after-  
26 hours trading, Victim D traded shares of Biozoom through a brokerage account at TD Ameritrade  
27 and lost approximately \$83,000.  
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**COUNT 1**  
**Conspiracy to Commit Securities Fraud and Wire Fraud**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1349)**

87. Paragraphs 1 through 86 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

88. From in or around 2012, through in or around October 2013, the exact dates being unknown, in the District of Arizona, and elsewhere, the defendants,

**FRANCISCO VILLENA ABELLAN,**  
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**JAMES B. PANTHER, JR, and**  
**a/k/a “James Suqui” and “James Suquilanda,” and**  
**FAIYAZ DEAN**

together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to commit certain offenses against the United States, to wit:

(i) securities fraud, that is, to knowingly and intentionally execute a scheme and artifice (a) to defraud any person in connection with any security of Biozoom, an issuer with a class of securities registered under § 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78l), and (b) to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by statements containing material omissions, any money and property in connection with the purchase and sale of any security of Biozoom, an issuer with a class of securities registered under § 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78l), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1348; and

(ii) wire fraud, that is to knowingly, and with intent to defraud, devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that they were false and fraudulent when made, and transmitting and causing to be transmitted by means of wire



1 communications in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and  
2 sounds for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, in violation of Title 18, United States  
3 Code, Section 1343.

4 **PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY**

5 89. It was a purpose of the conspiracy for the defendants and their coconspirators to  
6 unlawfully enrich themselves by (a) making and using false and misleading statements in  
7 documents filed with the SEC in 2013 and provided to others to conceal the fact that certain  
8 undisclosed principals controlled the issuers and the shares that were listed in the names of  
9 nominee shareholders, and that the shares were restricted and could not be freely traded on U.S.  
10 markets; (b) engaging in the fraudulent manipulation of stock by artificially inflating the market  
11 price and demand; (c) diverting the proceeds of the fraud for the personal use and benefit of the  
12 defendants and others; and (d) concealing the defendants' involvement in the fraudulent  
13 manipulation of the stock.  
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15 **MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY**

16 90. Paragraphs 40 through 86 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by  
17 reference as though fully set forth herein.  
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19 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.  
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**COUNT 2**  
**Securities Fraud**  
**(18 U.S.C § 1348)**

91. Paragraphs 1 through 86 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

92. From in or around 2012, through in or around October 2013, the exact dates being unknown, within the District of Arizona and elsewhere, the defendants,

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**FAIYAZ DEAN,**

aided and abetted by each other and others did knowingly and willfully execute a scheme and artifice (a) to defraud any person in connection with any security of Biozoom, an issuer with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78l), and (b) to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by statements containing material omissions, any money and property in connection with the purchase and sale of any security of Biozoom, an issuer with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78l).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1348 and 2.

**COUNT 3**  
**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering**  
**(18 U.S.C. §1956(h))**

93. From in or around 2012, through in or around October 2013, the exact dates being unknown, in the District of Arizona, and elsewhere, the defendants,

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**JAMES B. PANTHER, JR,**

1                   a/k/a “James Suqui” and “James Suquilanda,” and  
2                   **FAIYAZ DEAN,**

3 together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly combine, conspire,  
4 confederate and agree with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly engage in  
5 monetary transactions affecting interstate and foreign commerce, by, through, and to a financial  
6 institution, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, such property having  
7 been derived from a specified unlawful activity, and knowing that the property involved in the  
8 financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, in violation of  
9 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957.  
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11           It is further alleged that the specified unlawful activity is fraud in the sale of securities  
12 pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(1)(D).

13           All in violation Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

14                                   **COUNTS 4-8**  
15                                   **Money Laundering**  
16                                   **(18 U.S.C. § 1957)**

17           94.     From in or around 2012, through in or around October 2013, the exact dates being  
18 unknown, in the District of Arizona, and elsewhere, the defendants,

19                                   **FRANCISCO VILLENA ABELLAN,**  
20           a/k/a “Frank Abellan,” “Frank Abel,” “Oracle,” “Mark,” and “Frank Villena,”  
21                                   **JAMES B. PANTHER, JR, and**  
22           a/k/a “James Suqui” and “James Suquilanda,”  
                                      **FAIYAZ DEAN**

23 aided and abetted by each other and others and together with others known and unknown to the  
24 Grand Jury, did knowingly engage in and attempt to engage in monetary transactions affecting  
25 interstate and foreign commerce, by, through, and to a financial institution, in criminally derived  
26 property of a value greater than \$10,000, such property having been derived from a specified  
27 unlawful activity, and knowing that the property involved in the financial transactions represented  
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the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, as more particularly described in each count below:

COUNT	APPROX.DATE	FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
4	6/11/2013	International wire transfer of approximately \$3,770,216 from an account held in the name of nominee shareholder DPG at Entity A, within the District of Arizona, to an account held in the name of nominee shareholder DPG at CBH Compagnie Bancaire Helvetique, SA in Geneva, Switzerland.
5	6/11/2013	Interstate wire transfer of approximately \$495,000 from an account held in the name of AFI at Entity A, within the District of Arizona, to an account held in the name of AFI at Bank of New York in New York, New York.
6	6/24/2013	International wire transfer of approximately \$4,331,255 from an account held in the name of nominee shareholder ARB at Entity A, within the District of Arizona, to an account held in the name of nominee shareholder ARB at FBME Bank in Cyprus.
7	6/24/2013	International wire transfer of approximately \$1,887,919 from an account held in the name of nominee shareholder ARB at Entity A, within the District of Arizona, to an account held in the name of nominee shareholder ARB at FBME Bank in Cyprus.
8	6/24/2013	International wire transfer of approximately \$4,900,000 from an account held in the name of nominee shareholder MPF at Entity A, within the District of Arizona, to an account held in the name of nominee shareholder MPF at Choice Bank in Belize.

It is further alleged that the specified unlawful activity is fraud in the sale of securities pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(1)(D).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 and 2.

**FORFEITURE**

**(18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C); 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1))**

1           95.           For the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States pursuant to Title  
2 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, the  
3 United States hereby realleges and incorporates the factual allegations contained in paragraphs  
4 1 through 86.

5           96.           Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts One and Two, the defendants,

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7                           **FRANCISCO VILLENA ABELLAN,**  
8                           **a/k/a “Frank Abellan,” “Frank Abel,” “Oracle,” “Mark,” and “Frank Villena,”**  
9                           **JAMES B. PANTHER, JR,**  
                              **a/k/a “James Suqui” and “James Suquilanda,” and**  
                              **FAIYAZ DEAN**

10 shall forfeit to the United States any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is  
11 derived from proceeds traceable to the aforementioned offenses, pursuant to Title 18, United States  
12 Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c). The property to be  
13 forfeited shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

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15           a.           Money Judgment

- 16                           i.    Judgment in favor of the United States of America equal to the value of  
17                                any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from  
18                                proceeds traceable to the violations alleged in Counts One and Two of  
19                                this Indictment.  
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21           97.           If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the  
22 defendants:

- 23                           a.    cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;  
24                           b.    has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;  
25                           c.    has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;  
26                           d.    has been substantially diminished in value; or  
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e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty; the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**  
**(Money Laundering)**

98. For the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, the United States hereby realleges and incorporates the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 86.

99. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts Three through Eight, the defendants,

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shall forfeit to the United States any and all property, real or personal, involved in such offenses, and any property traceable to such property, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1).

100. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

1 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

2 e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty;

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4 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title  
5 21, United States Code Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section  
6 2461(c).  
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